Encroachment of Forest land in Andhra Pradesh

361. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 13.5 lakh hectares of forest land is under encroachment in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of forest encroachment figures of other States; and

(c) the action proposed to evict the encroachment from forest lands in a time bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) No Sir. As per the information made available by Andhra Pradesh Government, about 3.4 lakh hectares of forest land is under encroachment.

(b) As per the reports received, State-wise details of forest encroachment are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Central Government have issued detailed guidelines regarding regularization as well as eviction of encroachment on forest lands in September, 1990. These guidelines were again re-iterated on 3-5-2002 wherein the State Governments and Union Territories were requested to evict in-eligible encroachers from the forest lands in a time bound manner.

Statement

State-wise details of forest encroachment

Sl. No.	Name of State	Area under encroachment in hectares
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	341322.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4038.00
3.	Assam	254711.00
4.	Bihar	2177.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	150495.00
6.	Delhi	NA

1	2	3
7.	Goa	1012.00
8.	Gujarat	5484.00
9.	Haryana	852.00
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1493.00
11.	J & K	15406.00
12.	Jharkhand	33905.00
13.	Karnataka	109000.00
14.	Kerala	45970.00
15.	Madhya Pradesh	72811.00
16.	Maharashtra	93610.00
17.	Manipur	0.30
18.	Meghalaya	15464.00
19.	Mizoram	13.00
20.	Nagaland	0.00
21.	Orissa	75696.00
22.	Punjab	4409.00
23.	Rajasthan	17584.00
24.	Sikkim	12000.00
25.	Tamil Nadu	18283.00
26.	Tripura	41927.00
27.	Uttaranchal	10400.00
28.	Uttar Pradesh	25210.00
29.	West Bengal	NA
30.	A & N Islands	3685.00
31.	Chandigarh	NA
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	NA
33.	Daman and Diu	NA
34.	Lakshadweep	*
35.	Pondicherry	*
	TOTAL	1356957.30

NA-Not Available

*Forest area-Nil.